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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SUGGESTED USG STATEMENT OPPOSING PARTITION OF LEBANON

REF: CAIRO 11091

1. WE AGREE WITH REFTEL THAT A USG STATEMENT INDICATING OUR
OPPOSITION TO ANY FORMAL PARTITION OF LEBANON AND SUPPORT FOR
THE PRESERVATION OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THAT COUNTRY
WOULD BE TIMELY AND WOULD HELP CORRECT MISCONCEPTIONS IN THE ARAB
WORLD RE US POLICY ON THIS POINT.

2. ALTHOUGH OUR RECENT CONTACTS WITH MFA HAVE BEEN ON WORKING
LEVEL DUE TO ABSENCE IN COLOMBO OR ON LEAVE OF FONMIN AND
SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS, GENERAL IMPRESSION IN MFA IS THAT USG
SUPPORTS PARTITION OF LEBANON. WE REMINDED OUR CONTACTS OF
PREVIOUS US STATEMENTS TO THE CONTRARY, BUT A REITERATION
FROM WASHINGTON OF OUR POSITION NOW WOULD BE HELPFUL TO CORRECT
DISTORTED VIEWS OF US POLICY REPEATED DAILY IN PALESTINIAN-
DOMINATED RADICAL PRESS HERE.

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3. GOK WOULD, OF COURSE, APPRECIATE STATEMENT BY USG SUPPORTING

ITS CALL FOR ARAB SUMMIT, BUT STATEMENT INCLUDING US VIEW THAT ARAB UNITY IS ESSENTIAL FOR ANY RENEWED PROGRESS IN EFFORTS TO SEEK SOLUTION OF ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE APPROPRIATE AND STILL HAVE USEFUL IMPACT HERE. FURTHER REITERATION OF OUR CONCERN RE BLOODSHED AND CONTINUED DESTRUCTION COULD ALSO BE USEFULLY ADDED TO SUCH A STATEMENT AND WOULD BE NOTED HERE, WHERE ARAB PRESS LAST WEEK CARRIED 34 OBITUARIES FOR YOUNG PALESTINIAN MEMBERS OF FAMILIES RESIDENT IN KUWAIT.

4. WE HAVE SAID IT BEFORE, BUT NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO SAY IT AGAIN.
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